



ALEXANDRIA.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, AUGUST 31.

MASTER WORKMAN POWDERLY'S reported determination to support the low tariff ticket in the next Presidential campaign, and the assertion of Mr. Lewis, the master of a large district assembly of Mr. Powderly's order, to the effect that wages are not affected by the tariff, and that the cry for protection is kept up by the proprietors of the protected industries for their own individual profit and with no reference to the benefit of their employees, but rather to make the latter their political serfs, supplemented by the fact that Mr. George, the chief labor leader of the country, is an avowed free trader, would seem to indicate that the working men of this country, by whose votes the existing high tariff has been maintained, are beginning, at last, to see the error of their way, and to realize the injustice of taxing them and all the other people of the country for the sole benefit of a few rich owners of mines and factories.

THE MUNICIPAL government of Richmond is in need of money, but the chairman of the finance committee of its city council reports that he has been unable to borrow any on the city's four per cent. bonds. As Virginia is a repudiating State, it is not at all surprising that people should refuse to lend money to her capital city, especially as that city endorses the repudiating measures of the State. Honesty is always the best policy. It is bad enough to repudiate a debt when it is impossible to pay it, but to refuse to settle one satisfactorily on such easy terms as those offered by Virginia's creditors is certainly not in accordance with the ideas prevalent in Virginia in former and better times. Every day in Virginia goes to prove the truth of Rev. Dr. Hoge's doctrine, that what is morally wrong can not be politically right.

AS THE New York Journal of Commerce says, there must be something good in the democratic party, for if otherwise it could not have survived the bad treatment to which it has often been subjected by its managers. And, what the Journal of Commerce does not say, it would be no less suicidal for soldiers to desert their army because of an unsatisfactory general, than for democrats to quit their party because of unsatisfactory platforms or leaders. The best course for the democratic party, State and national, to pursue, is for it to adhere unflinchingly to its principles, which are good, and to abandon its policy, which, in most instances, is abominable.

NOTWITHSTANDING the heavy duty on iron and steel, the value of those articles imported last year was over fifty million dollars. This doesn't show that a high tariff protects "infant industries," but it does show that as a great part of the imports referred to consisted of rails, the farmers, whose products are carried to market on such rails, have their small profits considerably reduced by the high freight charges which the railroad companies maintain in order to pay the duty on those rails.

MANY A man has been hanged on evidence less conclusive of murder than that which in the minds of most reasonable men convicts Messrs. Stanford and Huntington of defrauding the government by the bribery of Congressmen. And yet, as the two men referred to have control of millions of money they not only go scot free, but many people delight to do them honor, and one of them occupies a seat in the U. S. Senate.

The September number of *Our Little Ones* has been received from the Fessell Publishing Company, Boston. It has an interesting table of contents and all the stories are prettily illustrated.

FROM WASHINGTON.

[Special Correspondence of the Alex. Gazette.]
WASHINGTON, D. C., August 31, 1887.
Lawyers here of national reputation say that as Judge Field, of the U. S. Supreme Court, has decided that the Pacific Railroad Commission has not the power to compel Mr. Stanford to produce the books of the Central Pacific Railroad, Attorney General Garland should at once have commenced proceedings instituted against the directors of the road referred to in a U. S. court, and thus be enabled to force them to produce their books, which, it is asserted, will prove that they have issued unauthorized stock and have used the money of the road to bribe State and territorial legislatures and the national Congress.

The Navy Department having been advised that the reversing gear of the new cruiser Boston is complete and the ship ready for trial, an order was to day sent by Acting Secretary Hammon to Capt. Ramsay directing him to proceed immediately on a trial trip. The Chicago has also received the selected coal necessary for her trial trip and will soon be ready for an experimental trip up Long Island Sound.

This was the day for opening the weekly offers for the sale to the Treasury of undue 4 per cent. government bonds. The offers amounted to between three and four million dollars, about half the offerings of last Wednesday. The lowest figures were \$108 15-16. Ex-Senator Fair, of Nevada, offered \$670,000 at the price paid to day.

Mr. Speaker Carlisle was at the Capitol to-day. In a short talk with the GAZETTE's correspondent he said he was grieved at the action of the Virginia democracy at their recent State convention, and that it seemed to him as if the democrats of Virginia of late wanted to see what Mahone would do, and then did that same thing and something worse. He said the platform they adopted was a republican, not a democratic platform, and why they wanted to abolish the tax on whisky he could not tell, when they must know that the temperance feeling is strong throughout the entire South, Virginia included. He said the Ohio democrats had

come out all right, and that if those of Pennsylvania should do the same way at their State convention to day, he had strong hopes of a reduction of the tariff on the necessities of life by the next Congress; if, however, Randallism prevailed, he feared nothing in that line could be done. He said there is a popular delusion that the protective tariff protects American labor, but that nothing could be more erroneous, and that wherever the tariff is intelligently and intelligently discussed by democratic stumpers there are always democratic gains.

"Maple Grove," Alexandria county, about two miles from Georgetown, the property of Mr. Bernard Brockett, formerly of Alexandria, is being handsomely improved and will be an ornament to that county.

Congressman O'Ferrall, of Virginia, left for his home this morning. He says he intends to stump his State this fall for the democrats, and that he is assured they will win, as while they are united the republicans are in discord. Congressman Hogg, of West Virginia, who was here yesterday, says he is interested in the result of the coming campaign in Virginia, both as a party man and as a personal admirer of Mr. Barbour, and that he will speak in all the Virginia counties bordering his own State during the campaign.

The proposed construction of Mt. Vernon avenue, a grand roadway, one hundred feet wide, extending from the south end of the proposed bridge across the Potomac at Arlington, to Mt. Vernon, is the subject of a good deal of talk here. It is said that all the property owners along the route will give the land required, and that many of them in addition will make liberal subscriptions of money. Messrs. F. R. and D. A. Windsor say they will each subscribe one thousand dollars.

A protest against any change in the present trunk line classification of freight rates has been received by the interstate commerce commission from Cincinnati. It bears the signatures of 28 business firms.

Mr. Richard Mitchell, of Charles county, Md., who has many friends in Alexandria, is being urged by the most influential republicans in his county to be the republican candidate for the legislature there.

Letter from Leesburg.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]
LEESBURG, Va., Aug. 31st, 1887.—The joists are laid for the first floor of the new Town Hall and the laying of brick will commence in a few days. W. H. Clemens, our district road commissioner, is building a fine dwelling on his farm about one mile east of town; Messrs. Norris brothers, contractors.

Rev. Dr. Dwidie preached able sermons in the Presbyterian church on Monday night and last night, and will preach every night during the week. As he is quite a favorite, he has had, and will have, good congregations.

A United States Marshal yesterday served notices upon Messrs. J. B. McCabe, Commonwealth's Attorney, Edgar Littleton, clerk, and H. H. Russell, sheriff of the county, restraining them from in any way acting in the prosecution of the cases of the recently indicted violators of the revenue laws. This leaves Judge Tabb practically without a court, should he wish to take up those cases.

The bush meeting at Rector's Cross Roads, in Fauquier county, has been the attraction for our people since last Friday. We were there on Sunday and Monday. Sunday was a big day; Bishop Wilson preached to a large and attentive audience. He preached another powerful sermon on Monday. Good order has prevailed so far, and each day has been pleasant and, we hope, profitable spent. The Fauquier candidates for the legislature were on the grounds, and also the wire-pullers who were busy interviewing the Loudoun men in behalf of their favorites for election. They raise the old cry that Loudoun must endorse the man they select. Well, maybe we must, but if they select a man who has made himself conspicuously obnoxious, we wouldn't give much for his chance. Loudoun proposes to exercise her right in joint convention to assist in nominating a man who is friendly to her interests. We have been enjoined too often already, and our last bout with the leaders who fought us so bitterly is of too recent a date to be forgotten. With the kindest feeling we propose to vote just as our sister county asks us, provided she asks us to vote for a friend, but if she expects us to follow the teachings of the "sermon on the mount," she will be sadly mistaken.

JA BEZ.

BAILEYS SCALDED.—The evictions on the O'Grady estates, at Herbestown, Ireland, began yesterday. The bailiffs were reinforced by one hundred soldiers and three hundred policemen. All the houses occupied by the tenants were barricaded and guarded for defence. The house of Mrs. Crimmins, a widow, was the first advanced upon by the bailiffs. The widow and her friends were well armed with paving stones and boiling water, and both were showered upon the bailiffs with such telling effect that they were repulsed no less than four times. The sheriff's men in their attacks attempted to clobber their way through the walls and roof, and Mrs. Crimmins had the scalding water poured over their heads, faces and necks. After the fourth repulse of the bailiffs the police attempted to storm the house. They also were driven back. Finally, a joint rush was made by the bailiffs and police, and the house was broken into and captured. It was found that the defenders of the widow's habitation numbered but nine persons—five men and four women. All were taken prisoners. A large crowd had collected about the house to witness the contest. The crowd all sympathized with Mrs. Crimmins, and did all in their power to cheer her up in her battle, and to annoy and exasperate the officers. When the widow's party were at last overpowered, the crowd became frantic and pressed closely up towards the house. The prisoners, when they were let out, sang "God save Ireland." The crowd joined in the singing and became so demonstrative that the police had to cut their way out with batons.

MENTION has been made of a bold project of the Russian government to build a railroad across Siberia to the Pacific Ocean; and now a report comes from St. Petersburg, that some Russian and American engineers have proposed, if the Siberia railway is carried to the shores of Behring Strait, to construct a railroad across the waterway and connect it by railway through Alaska and Canada with the railway system of the United States. If such a railway could be constructed, it would all probability reduce the time required to make a circuit of the globe to about thirty-six days; but there is in the problem a highly important factor. Behring Strait, at its narrowest point, is about thirty-six miles in width, and has an average depth of one hundred and eighty feet. Besides this, the Arctic current sweeps through it, carrying with it ice floes of solid ice from the ice may be that the engineers had proposed tunneling the strait, but this work would entail an expense that could hardly be made good out of the earnings of the company that used the tunnel.

INSPECTING DISTILLERIES.—U. S. Deputy Collector George E. Cole is now on his annual tour inspecting the stills in his district, composed of the counties of Spotsylvania, Stafford and King George. He reports ten distilleries in operation in Spotsylvania, a greater number than for the past three years. Owing to the almost total failure of the fruit crop in Stafford and King George, there are no stills in operation in those counties.—Fredericksburg Star.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Prince Mesh Tcherski, in the official organ of the Czar, makes a violent attack upon France. He says: "A nation whose patriotism only exists in phrases cannot be an ally of Russia."

It now appears that the trouble with the Indian chief Colorow and the Utes was caused and kept up by the Colorado militia and cowboys, and President Cleveland has instructed the governor of Colorado to confine his state troops within the state boundaries.

The Russian government has taken occasion to apprise the staffs of teachers throughout the empire, on the reopening of the schools after vacation, of the adoption of new and stringent regulations, designed to check the spread of republican principles in Russia.

The London Times protests against the treatment to which British sealers in Behring's Sea are subjected by the American authorities in Alaska, and suggests that the government send a cruiser to Alaskan waters, to secure strictly legal treatment for British vessels.

An elderly, lady-like appearing woman of 55 years, who said she was from Chicago, and gave the name of Elizabeth Lester, was held in the Jefferson Market Police Court at New York yesterday morning for shoplifting. A false pocket beneath her dress contained many small articles.

The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company have just received four new passenger locomotives specially adapted to climbing mountain grades. The driving wheels are the same size as those on the other engines, but the tires are one inch thicker. The total weight of one engine and tender is 167,600 pounds.

It is the intention of the President to spend the next few weeks at his country house near Washington. He regards this as his vacation time, and while he will spend it near the capital, so that he can attend to actual public business, he will not feel obliged, when necessarily called to the White House, to devote any time to persons seeking place or merely desirous of paying their respects.

In the British House of Commons last night T. M. Healy made a long and violent attack on Col. King Harman, the Irish Under Secretary. He was temporarily called to order for referring to him as a convict because he had been arrested for an assault on the police at the Cromorne. The Colonel explained the Cromorne affair as a boyish escapade. A heated altercation occurred between Harman and Healy and both were called to order. Mr. Healy wound up by calling Col. Harman "a notorious law breaker and convict," but was forced to withdraw the remark.

Excitement at Petersburg.

On the 23d instant Mrs. Laura DeJarnette, a highly respected lady of Petersburg, was assaulted by a colored man named Ridley in front of her residence, and knocked insensible to the ground. He was in the act of striking Mrs. DeJarnette's little child when Mrs. DeJarnette told him not to do so. The man turned and struck her. Ridley was taken before Mayor Jarrett, by whom he was committed to jail for eight months and fined \$50. Ridley took an appeal from the mayor's decision and gave bail for his appearance at the next term of the Corporation Court. The negroes consider the punishment of Ridley unjustifiable. A few days afterward Dr. S. A. Hinton, a prominent physician, was arrested for slapping a colored girl, named Georgianna Boyd, who had threatened to kill his son. This assault, with that on Mrs. DeJarnette, has brought about bad feeling between the two races. On Monday night the negroes held a meeting and adopted resolutions denouncing the mayor in unmeasured terms. These resolutions were signed by H. C. Kenney, W. J. Smith and M. M. Lewis, a committee, and were published as a paid communication in the *Index-Appel*. The communication aroused the indignation of the mayor, and yesterday afternoon Mr. R. P. Barham, editor and proprietor of the *Index-Appel*, and the committee were arrested on warrants sworn out by the mayor, charging them with libel. W. W. Evans, editor of the *Virginia Lancet*, the organ of the negroes, was also arrested on a warrant charging him with publishing last Saturday a malicious and slanderous article concerning the official conduct of the mayor. All of the parties were bailed for their appearance in the Mayor's Court to day.

Mayor Jarrett, through fear that there might be trouble, ordered out all of the military companies, both white and colored, and they will remain on duty until further orders. Everything was quiet at a late hour last night. The following telegram was sent to Gov. Lee:

PETERSBURG, Va., Aug. 30, 1887.—To His Excellency Fitzhugh Lee, Governor of Virginia, Executive Mansion, Richmond, Va.: The R. E. Lee Battery of artillery is assembled at its gunhouse to-night, by order of Mayor Jarrett for prudential reasons.

JOHN TRUSHEIM,

Captain R. E. Lee Battery of Artillery.

Our Institutions in Danger.

By the close of the present century, and perhaps earlier, there will not be an acre of the public domain upon which corn and wheat can be raised without irrigation, subject to pre-emption or homestead entry within the present limits of the United States. Real estate will increase enormously in value. Our surplus population, no longer having the fertile area of free land over which to diffuse itself, will accumulate in cities. Therich will become richer and the poor will become poorer. The middle class will gradually disappear, as the struggle for existence becomes fiercer and relentless. A dim consciousness of impending peril has already penetrated the public mind, and in obedience to its admonitions the Chinese have been excluded with barbarian rigor, in violation of treaties, and notwithstanding the sonorous manifesto of 1868, that "expatriation is a natural and inherent right of all people" and that any declaration, instruction, opinion, order, or decision of any officer of the government which denies, restricts, impairs, or questions this right, is "inconsistent with the principles of this government." In obedience to the same impulse, the acquisition of real estate by aliens has been rigidly limited by act of Congress. The demand for further legislation in the same direction is imperative, and cannot be disregarded. The sophistication of the nation by the influence of the unrestrained admission to citizenship of assisted paupers, fugitive felons, and the avowed enemies of the social contract, must cease. Our capacity for assimilation is exhausted. More than one million skilled and unskilled laborers are now unemployed, or employed at wages inadequate for the support of themselves and their families. Trade and industry are paralyzed by the combinations of men resort to the destruction of life and property to accomplish their designs, and the hour is approaching when the active coalition of the conservative forces of the country will be necessary to prevent destructive organic changes in our social and political system. The constant infusion of fresh blood is essential to national health, but there is no blood poison so fatal as adulteration of race. We are no longer homogeneous. Unity of purpose and interest does not exist. The hordes of socialism and anarchy are openly organized under the red flag, drilled and armed, in flamed by incendiary appeals, denouncing property and the law, and openly combining against all social institutions.—Senator Ingalls in the Forum for September.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Percy Claverius, a Portsmouth fireman, was thrown from a horse cart yesterday and fatally injured.

Dr. Colin C. Macrae died at his home, near Chancellorsville, on the 23d inst., in the 75th year of his age.

The democratic city committee of Richmond have decided that a primary should be held on September 15 for the nomination of four members of the House of Delegates.

During a colored excursion from Norfolk to Edenton, N. C., the other day, a row occurred in that town between the excursionists and several men were dangerously stabbed. A number of arrests were made and the parties jailed.

A dispatch from Bufordville says that Alex. Mitchell, colored, was arrested yesterday for assaulting his daughter. He was captured by colored men, and would have been lynched but for the interference of white men. He was lodged in jail at Liberty.

The farm of Brooke Hodson near Winchester, was burned Monday night, together with farming utensils, crop of wheat, &c. Loss, \$1,500; insurance \$900. The fire is believed to have been of incendiary origin, as a man was seen prowling about the premises a few hours before the fire.

The application made in Berryville for bail before a justice by Josiah R. Locke and son has been denied, the attending physicians testifying that the injuries received by Jenkins would prove fatal. The prisoners were remanded to jail for the action of the grand jury and to await the result of the wounded man's injuries, &c.

The entire control of the liquor traffic at the Shenandoah County Agricultural Society fair, to be held next month, was sold on Monday to Senator Riddleberger for \$100 cash. He then obligated himself to the society to sell no intoxicating liquors or allow any to be sold, and to lock up the house heretofore used as a bar room.

Work on the extension of the Cripple Creek Railroad up New River to the Wythe land mines, and also on the Little Reed Island Branch of the same road is progressing rapidly. It is proposed to extend the latter branch through Carroll county to Mt. Airy, N. C., where it will connect with the Western North Carolina system, provided Carroll will vote a subscription of \$100,000 toward the enterprise.

BIG FAILURE.—As stated in yesterday's GAZETTE the firms of Robert Hare Powell & Co., and Robert Hare Powell's Sons & Co., the great coal mining firms, of Philadelphia, have failed. The failure was the result of the suspension of Chas. E. Pennock, of Coatesville, the extensive iron plate merchant, whose paper broke the endorsement of both firms, Robert Hare Powell & Co. and the junior one of Robert Hare Powell's Sons & Co. The liabilities are placed at \$1,578,000, which is assumed to be the aggregate amount for which they became the endorsers of Pennock's notes, that were protested yesterday; while the assets, consisting of large tracts of valuable coal lands and appurtenances are fixed at \$4,000,000. The Guarantee Trust Co. has been made assignee. A circular has been issued by Messrs. Powell & Co. to their creditors, who are not many in number, but are generally large as to amounts. The circular gives as the reason for the collapse the inability of Messrs. Chas. E. Pennock & Co. to meet their engagements. One of the firm says "the failure is simply due to the fact that we did not propose to pay other people's paper. We have done what we are satisfied is best for our creditors, who are few, numerically, but whom we owe large amounts. Our assets are more than sufficient to meet all our liabilities."

The pulpit of St. John's Church, at Elizabethport, N. J., of which Rev. Otis A. Glazebrook is rector, was occupied on Sunday by another minister, who made no reference to the scandal.

DIED.

On August 30th, in this city, CHARLES ELIOTT, 32, Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend his funeral from his late residence, on St. Asaph street, between Queen and Princess, on Friday afternoon, at 4 o'clock.

STORE FOR RENT ON THE V. M. R. W.—Size of building 45x25 feet, 2 stories, 4 rooms up stairs, nicely finished and fitted up; waterroom also on lot; a good location for business.

G. B. W. NALLE,

Raccoon Ford, Virginia.

FOR SALE—THE THREE-STORY BRICK DWELLING on Prince street, near Pitt; one of the most desirable residences in Alexandria. For sale at a very low price. Apply to aug31 eod2 W. N. McVEIGH.

PERFECT ICE CREAM FREEZERS, for sale at reduced prices, at 88 King street, corner of Royal. [e9] J. T. CRIGHTON & SON.

FRESHLY-SMOKED SUGAR-CURED SHOULDERS AND BREAKFAST PICES received to-day by [j22] J. C. MILBURN.

FINE ENGLISH BREAKFAST TEA just received by [ap12] J. C. MILBURN.

NEW RAISINS, CURRANTS, PRESERVES AND JELLIES for sale by [nov9] J. C. MILBURN.

ICED TEA—Extra mixed Tea, suitable for Iced [j6] 50c per lb, can be had at J. C. MILBURN'S.

BIBBIS NEW HOMINY and HOMINY GRITS just received by [nov23] J. C. MILBURN.

SATISFACTION TOBACCO received to-day direct from the factory, and for sale low by [j23] J. C. MILBURN.

A FULL STOCK OF ALL KINDS OF DOMESTIC DRY GOODS offered at the lowest prices by [my14] AMOS B. SLAYMAKER.

SIX-OUNCE Cakes FINE TOILET SOAP for sale at 5c each by [j23] J. C. MILBURN.

THURBER'S SHREDDED OATS—A fresh lot just received. GEO. MCBURNEY & SON.

PHILLIPS'S DIGESTIBLE COCOA, highly recommended for invalids and children, for sale by [j23] J. C. MILBURN.

PATENT FLY FANS, two kinds, for sale at extra low prices at 88 King, corner Royal st., by [j9] J. T. CRIGHTON & SON.

WHITE WASH BRUSHES, Garden Rakes, Hoes, Trowels, &c.—a full stock now at [mh24] J. F. CARLIN & SONS.

TERRA COTTA 1, 2, 3 and 4-gal. COVERED BUTTER JARS. A very desirable article, at [feb15] E. J. MILLER, SON & CO'S.

SLEEVELESS VESTS, from 25c to \$1, for ladies at [ap12] AMOS B. SLAYMAKER'S.

MISSOURI HAMS—If you have not bought one, don't fail to go MCBURNEY'S STORE and get one. They are simply grand. [ap11]

USE THE MAGIC STARCH if you would have beautiful finish to your linen. Sold by [j9] MCBURNEY.

ANOTHER INVOICE OF STRAINED HONEY received to-day by [ap1] J. C. MILBURN.

A FULL LINE OF THE 50-Ct. SLAYMAKER CORSETS at [sep27] A. B. SLAYMAKER'S.

STRICTLY PURE CIDER VINEGAR, extra strength, for pickling, for sale by [sep13] J. C. MILBURN.

DRIED PEACHES, peeled and unpeeled, and bright Dried Apples for sale by [feb16] J. C. MILBURN.

MISSOURI HAMS, small sizes, canvased and uncanvased, very fine, received to day by [mh31] J. C. MILBURN.



TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

All quiet in Petersburg.

[Special Dispatch to the Alexandria Gazette.]

RICHMOND, Aug. 31.—Adjutant General McDonald received a telegram from the Mayor of Petersburg, at one o'clock this afternoon, saying, "All quiet, no fear of disturbance." B. P. O.

Foreign News.

BERLIN, Aug. 31.—Herr Frohme, a socialist deputy in the Reichstag, has been expelled from Frankfurt.

The Cologne Gazette says it has authority to deny that any negotiations are proceeding with the French government, concerning the residence of citizens of either country. The socialists are holding secret meetings now held in Zurich.

It is now regarded as a certainty that the spirit company project will fail, owing to the fact that the wealthier distillers will not join in the scheme.

VIENNA, Aug. 31.—At a military council yesterday attended by Count Kalnoky and other ministers, it was decided that the whole of the Austro-Hungarian regulars and militia should be supplied before 1891 with Manlicher repeating rifles. The number required will be 1,200,000 and the cost will be 43,000,000 florins, the payment of which will be distributed over ten years.

PARIS, Aug. 31.—Prince Napoleon and Prince Victor have written to Ex-Empress Eugenie asking to be excused from attending the transfer of the remains of Napoleon III and the Prince Imperial from Chislehurst to Farborough on the ground that it would be impolitic for the father and the son to meet each other.

ROME, Aug. 31.—It is reported that the English mediation in Abyssinia has failed. The *Popolo Romano* says that September must not be allowed to pass without effecting a settlement of the difficulty, if not by mediation, then by force of arms. It is stated that an expedition to Abyssinia is being prepared.

LONDON, Aug. 31.—Mr. Francis Sharp Powell, member of Parliament for Wigorn, and the Earl of Dufferin will probably accompany Mr. Chamberlain to America as members of the Fisheries Commission. It is likely that Mr. Jesse Collings, member of Parliament for Birmingham, will also be of the party, but in an unofficial capacity.

Pennsylvania Democrats.

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Aug. 31.—The democratic State convention convened in the Academy of Music at noon with every delegation full, and a large attendance of prominent State and local politicians. Congress man George Post, of Susquehanna, was chosen temporary chairman. Randall was the most interesting figure in the Philadelphia delegation. To the surprise of nearly every body Congressman William Scott appeared as a substitute member of the Erie delegation. Mr. Scott's appearance as a delegate was the result of a late conference of the anti-Randall leaders, when it was determined that Mr. Scott should go upon the committee on resolutions and contest with Mr. Randall for the chairmanship of that body. The convention subsequently took a recess till 3:30 o'clock. The committee on resolutions met at once in the court house. On motion of Mr. Randall Wm. L. Scott was made chairman and a subcommittee of six was appointed by the chair to prepare a report for the consideration of the general committee which is to meet in an hour. The subcommittee was constituted as follows: W. L. Scott, chairman; Sam'l. J. Randall, ex-Governor Curtin, Robt. E. Wright, S. T. Neal and J. B. Storm. This indicates that two platforms will be submitted to the convention and that the fight will be held on the floor.

Destructive Fires.

MEXICO, Mo., Aug. 31.—The whole county east of Mexico was on fire yesterday. The farms of W. F. Read and A. Cunningham were swept by the flames, taking fences, haystacks and everything coming in reach, and but for a cornfield which stopped the flames thousands of acres would have been burned. The fire caught from an engine on the Chicago and Alton. There has been no rain here since the second of July. Everything is parched, and this being a great stock county they are suffering terribly from the effects. The prospects for stockmen in this county are not flattering.

SPRINGFIELD, O., Aug. 31.—At midnight fire broke out in a stable at the corner of Western avenue and Main streets, and in a minute the entire square was in flames. Wolston & Wilder's lumber and coal yard was entirely burned out and several residences were destroyed. The estimated loss thus far is \$35,000. The fire is still raging.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 31.—The extensive works of the St. Louis Car Wheel Company, situated in the western suburbs of the city, were destroyed by fire between 11 and 12 o'clock last night. The loss is estimated at about \$100,000; fully insured.

Execution of Pranzini.

PARIS, Aug. 31.—Pranzini, the murderer of Mme. Regnault, her maid and her maid's child, was guillotined at five o'clock this morning. He made no confession. Vast crowds waited about the place of execution during the whole of the night and kept up a constant howling and yelling. The din was horrible. When the chaplain who was to officiate at the execution arrived at 4:30 a. m. the mass of people was so great that he was almost prevented from reaching the gate of the prison. Pranzini marched from his cell to the scaffold with a firm step and defiant air. When the executioners seized him the murderer resisted and fought desperately, demanding that they let him alone,

The executioners overpowered him and threw him upon the machine and in an instant had him securely bound. Immediately the terrible knife was started. It descended with horrible slowness at first but then its movement quickened and the head of the murderer rolled into the basket. The mob outside became very disorderly during the progress of the execution.

A Young Robber.

PORTLAND, Me., Aug. 31.—News was received here this morning that Frank McNeilly, clerk in Saco and Biddeford Savings Bank, at Saco, was left in charge of the bank by Treasurer Kelley while the latter went to Kennebunk Monday. McNeilly is nineteen years old. He made up the cash, and having the combination of the safe, took a large amount of money and bonds, about \$250,000. The bonds are registered and will be of no use to him. McNeilly left for Boston Monday night and took the boat for Yarmouth, N. S., it is supposed. His brother Harry has gone to Montreal in search of him and detectives are on his track.

The Thistle.

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—Early this morning everything presented a scene of animation aboard the Scotch keel sloop Thistle, anchored off Tompkinsville, S. I. The crew were busy scrubbing, polishing and dusting preparatory to a second trial trip over the New York yacht club course. Owing to some stiffness in the running gear on the trip made on Monday and after some changes made yesterday, Capt. Barr expects to show some better work to day.

Sale of an Express Company.

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—The plant, franchises and business of the Baltimore and Ohio Express Company has been sold for \$2,500,000 to the United States Express Company, for a period of thirty years. The sale was made directly by the B. & O. R. Co.

D. B. HORTON'S MIASMA ANTIDOTE.

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